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Senator Fenwick, in the letter which you published on Dec. 31, takes the position that to oppose the Gray amendment is to show lack of confidence in representative government. The fact is that the General Assembly of Virginia is not really representative.

Sen. Gray's district had only 65,000 inhabitants in 1950, as compared with 135,000 in Sen. Fenwick's district. The disproportion has increased since then. This disproportion is typical of a systematic bias in the apportionment of Virginia legislative districts. Moreover, it is notorious that Sen. Gray actually represents only a minority of his constituents.

It is even a fair question whether Sen. Fenwick would have been reelected last November if the Gray Report had not been carefully timed to prevent its consideration by the voters in that election. No one can say that the General Assembly elected in November will truly represent the people of Virginia on the most important subject of the day.

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